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SUBJECT: NDP REFORMER SEES LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS REF: A. CAIRO 2283 B. CAIRO 2166 C. CAIRO 1850 D. CAIRO 1181 Classified By: Econc
1.KEY POINTS -- (C) On December 10, ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) insider XXXXXXXXXXXX told us that party reformers lack the influence

2.(C) Comment: XXXXXXXXXXXX, a confidante of presidential son Gamal Mubarak and XXXXXXXXXXXX, is a party insider who has advocated for the NCHF

3.(C) In a December 10 meeting, XXXXXXXXXXXX acknowledged to us that the NDP conference's focus on socio-economic development, not political re

4.(C) According to XXXXXXXXXXXX, the Interior Ministry is accustomed to wielding broad powers through the State of Emergency, and will not acce

5.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX regretted that reformers "missed an opportunity" in 2007 to pass a constitutional amendment on presidential term limits, in

6.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXX stressed that he continues to press within the party for international monitors for the 2010 elections. He hoped to at least

7.(C) Biographical Note: XXXXXXXXXXXX Scobey